

Statement of the Minister for Agriculture

Re: Waiver of penal interest on overdue. loan instalments in respect of tractors, pumpsets, power tillers etc.

SRI N. CHIKKEGOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—Taking into account the drought conditions, Government had issued an order on 6th March, 1976 waiving penal interest leviable on overdue loan instalments in respect of tractors, pumpsets, power tillers etc., purchased by the ryots from the Agriculture Department including Karnataka Agro Industries Corporation if the loanee repays the entire principal amount outstanding together with the simple interest within a period of six months from the date of order. Further, as the drought situation become worse, another order was passed on 24th August 1976. The time limit for the repayment was extended for a further period of six months from 14th August 1976. Government have re-examined the matter again in the light of the fact that due to failure of crops many ryots will not be able to find enough cash even to undertake agricultural operations of the ensuing season and have decided to extend the period for repayment of the loans without penal interest upto 31st December 1977. It is expected by that time the harvest would be available and the ryots would be in a position to repay the principal with simple interest. No penal interest will be charged if the loan is cleared by that time.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾಗೋಡು ತಿಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ (ಸಾಗರ).—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಕೃಷಿ, ಸಚಿವರು, ಬ್ರಾಹ್ಮಣರ ವತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂಥಾವುಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪೀನಲ್ ಇಂಟರಸ್ಟ್ ಏನು ಹಾಕುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೋ ಅದು ವಜಾ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನು ಹೇಳಿದರೋ ಅದೇ ರೀತಿ ರೈತರುಗಳು ತಕಾವಿ ಸಾಲ ಮತ್ತಿತರ ಸಾಲಗಳನ್ನು ಏನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದರೋ ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಇರುವ ಪೀನಲ್ ಇಂಟರಸ್ಟ್ ಅನ್ನು ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ವಜಾ ಮಾಡಬಾರದು ಎಂದು ನಾನು ಕೇಳಬಯಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

SRI N. CHIKKE GOWDA.—We have exempted the penal rate upto 31st December 1977. They have issued that order also.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SRI K. H. PATIL (Minister for Food and Forests) on behalf of SRI D. DEVARAJ Urs (Chief Minister).—Madam, I beg to lay :

Notification No. LAW 219 LGR dated 14th June 1977,

Statement regarding the Karnataka Legislature (Presiding Officers) Travelling Allowance (Amendment) Rules, 1977.

Under sub-section (1-A) of Section 15 of the Karnataka Legislature Salaries Act, 1957.